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VIA U.S. MAIL AND E-MAIL

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

On November 1, 2019, the Tennessee Department of Safety & Homeland Security received your Public Records Act request for the following information:

For all search warrants, applications for search warrants, cancellations, and authorization for search warrants between 2012 to the date of processing this request, please provide the following points of record for each:

Full Name of requester
If arrest, arrest ID (eg some cities/states use, "Incident Report")
Reason(s) for search warrant (typically either hand-written, or checkboxes)
Badge ID (or similar) of requester
District/Unit
Name of Judge
Name of approving officer
Whether an Arrest happened
Requested location of search warrant
Location of search warrant execution
Type of search warrant
Statements used to justify search warrant
Time and date when search warrant was submitted for approval
Time and date when search warrant was executed
Whether anything was seized
Whether anything was found
License plate of vehicle (if relevant)
Race of person for search warrant
Age of person for search warrant
State of person for search warrant
Whether an informant was involved
Method of contact with informant leading to search warrant (eg, phone call, mail, fax, email, etc)
Description of person search warrant executed on
Legal code of violation
Description of violation



Date of violation

If search warrant related to debt: name of company debt is owed to, amount owed

Whether FBI involved

ID associated with FBI document (eg, IR #)

Whether search warrant was cancelled

Whether contraband found

Whether narcotics found

After reviewing the request, the Department is unable to provide you with the requested records. The basis for this denial is Tenn. Code Ann. § 10-7-503(a)(2)(A), which states that:

All state, county and municipal records shall, at all times during business hours, which for public hospitals shall be during the business hours of their administrative offices, be open for personal inspection by any citizen of this state, and those in charge of the records shall not refuse such right of inspection to any citizen, unless otherwise provided by state law.

[emphasis added]. See also McBurney v. Young, 133 S.Ct. 1709, 81 USLW 4276 (U.S. Supreme Court April 29, 2013). In the event that you are a Tennessee citizen, please submit proof of your Tennessee citizenship (i.e. a copy of your driver license).

Additionally, your request is denied pursuant to Departmental Rule 1340-09-01.05(1)(b)(2)(II) since your request is not described with sufficient specificity to identify which records you are seeking. As a courtesy, this letter is to inform you that this Department does not have a database or other query-able format containing the information you are requesting. This Department would only serve as the custodian of records for search warrants issued by the Tennessee Highway Patrol. You would need to contact any other law enforcement agency for whichever search warrants you are searching. Additionally, you will need to contact any court or other judicial agencies for search warrants and any related information that they might have.

Due to the potentially large volume of documents and expense relating to producing such documents, including redacting information not for public inspection and other confidential information, there will be a considerable cost associated with your request. Please provide this Office with further information and submit a new public records request.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick Morrison".

Patrick Morrison
Assistant General Counsel